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0800 hr. 22 Feb. 1945 - 0800 hr. 23 Feb. 1945

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## DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group ----- Sq. 416 Night Fighter Sq. Date 23 Feb. 1945 Mission No. 372

1. No. Off 1 Mosq. Mk XXX Time Up 01:00 Time Down 01:40 Total Hours 3:40  
(No., Type Model) (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission CCF Patrol Med. Sea - Caserta Area 3. Weather Hazy - Ceiling unlimited

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:  
No. & Type Reason  
b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission  
No. & Type Reason

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: Caserta Area  
b. Time over Objective 3:40  
c. No. A/C Attacking  
d. Alt. of Release

6. a. Escorted by  
b. Escorting  
c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs  
Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs

7. Type Explosive Fusing N. T. Number Carried  
No Expended at Each Objective (1) (2) (3) (4) Lost on MIA No R'd & Dest. A/C to Base

Explosive Jettisoned Number Reason Location

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM Carried Expended

9. Type Flak Accuracy Intensity Location (grid coordinate)

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered Location Aggressiveness

11. a. Own Aircraft Losses b. Cause c. Crew Casualties

d. A/C R'd From MIA MIA on Miss. No. e. MIA - Pilots R'd MIA on Miss. No.  
SW, LW or Unwounded

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) E/A Damaged (No. & Type)

13. Narrative: Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results:  
Class started at 8 miles, lost contact at 2 miles, alt. 7000'. 03:00 hr. NE of Caserta picked up contact at approx. 8 miles, faded at 3 miles, same alt. 7000', going 100 MPH.  
Double bright light on top of hill at La Spezia. (white)  
No other remarks.

*Comilla*  
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0800 hrs 23 Feb/45-0800 hrs 24 Feb/45  
DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group..... Sq. 416th MI. Per. Sq. Date 23/24 Feb/45 Mission No. 536

1. No. Off. 1 Mosquito Time Up 23 Feb/45 2230 Time Down 24 Feb/45 0215 Total Hours 3 hrs 45 mins  
(No., Type Model) (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission CGI Patrol

3. Weather C. VU-moderate haze

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:  
No. & Type \_\_\_\_\_ Reason \_\_\_\_\_  
b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission  
No. & Type \_\_\_\_\_ Reason \_\_\_\_\_

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: \_\_\_\_\_  
b. Time over Objective M1  
c. No. A/C Attacking \_\_\_\_\_  
d. Alt. of Release \_\_\_\_\_

6. a. Escorted by \_\_\_\_\_  
b. Escorting \_\_\_\_\_  
c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs \_\_\_\_\_  
Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs \_\_\_\_\_

7. Type Explosive \_\_\_\_\_ Fusing \_\_\_\_\_ N. T. \_\_\_\_\_ Number Carried \_\_\_\_\_  
No Expended at Each Objective  
(1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
Lost on MIA No Rtd & Dest. A/C to Base M1

Explosive Jettisoned \_\_\_\_\_ Number \_\_\_\_\_ Reason \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM \_\_\_\_\_ Carried M1  
Expended \_\_\_\_\_

9. Type Flak \_\_\_\_\_ Accuracy \_\_\_\_\_ Intensity 720  
Location (grid coordinate) M1

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_ Aggressiveness \_\_\_\_\_

11. a. Own Aircraft Losses \_\_\_\_\_  
b. Cause M1  
c. Crew Casualties \_\_\_\_\_  
d. A/C Rtd From MIA \_\_\_\_\_ MIA on Miss. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
e. MIA-Pilots Rtd \_\_\_\_\_ MIA on Miss. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
SW, LW or Unwounded \_\_\_\_\_

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) \_\_\_\_\_  
E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) M1  
E/A Damaged (No. & Type) \_\_\_\_\_

13. Narrative: Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results:  
CGI Patrol along coast-Corsica-To River, south to Front Lines, Bologna Modena area.  
Bunch of flares dropped North of Bologna during entire period of patrol. No contacts or chase.

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1000 hrs 23 Feb/45 - 0800 hrs 24 Feb/45

**DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT**

Group 1 Mosquito Sq. 410th Lt. 1st Lt. 4th Date 23 Feb/45 Mission No. 585

1. No. Off. 1 Time Up 0800 Time Down 2400 Total Hours 2 hrs 40 mins  
(No., Type Model) (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission CCI Patrol

3. Weather Extremely Heavy

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type Reason

b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission

No. & Type Reason

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point:

b. Time over Objective

c. No. A/C Attacking

d. Alt. of Release

6. a. Escorted by

b. Escorting

c. No A/C Carrying Bombs.

Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs

7. Type Explosive Fusing N. I. Number Carried

No Expended at Each Objective  
(1) (2) (3) (4)

Lost on MIA No Rtd & Dest. A/C to Base

Explosive Jettisoned

Number

Reason

Location

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM

Carried

Expended

20 MM

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9. Type Flak

Accuracy

Intensity

Location (grid coordinate)

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered

Location

Aggressiveness

11. a. Own Aircraft Losses

b. Cause

c. Crew Casualties

d. A/C Rtd From MIA

MIA on Miss. No.

e. MIA - Pilots Rtd

MIA on Miss. No.

SW, LW or Unwounded

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type)

E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type)

E/A Damaged (No. & Type)

13. Narrative: Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results:

CCI Patrol between coast and Corsica. No contacts or chases. Observed two flares North of Pisa and a flare Southwest of Leghorn. All three were orange and very high.

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S E C R E T

Sheet No. 7 War Diary, 414 NIGHT FIGHTER Sqdn. PONTEDERA AIRFIELD,  
ITALY, APO #650.  
(Station)  
Month of MARCH 1945, 1945 Prepared by MAJOR DAVID B. HAMILTON  
& CAPT. HAROLD C. DAWSON.  
(EXECUTIVE OFFICER)

DAY

EVENTS

BOLENDER AND LT. MANGES, LT. BAKER AND LT. BROWN, LT. PIMSNER AND F/O STRAIGHT, LT. GORDON AND F/O GIGERICH, LT. DOHRMAN AND LT. BEAM, LT. RUMERY AND F/O NORTHCUTT.

THE ENLISTED MEN'S DANCE HELD LAST NIGHT AGAIN PRODUCED A SURPLUS OF CIVILIAN ESCORTS FOR THE FEMALE ATTENDANTS. HOWEVER, STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO SEE THAT THIS DOESN'T HAPPEN IN THE FUTURE. WE HAVE CAPT. FORSLIND AND LT. KRYSA BACK FROM THE WING, AND THEY WILL REMAIN WITH THE SQUADRON PENDING RECEIPT OF THEIR ORDERS SENDING THEM HOME.

SPRING WEATHER IS BRINGING OUT THE BASEBALL SPIRIT, AND WE ARE TRYING TO LOCATE A SUITABLE FIELD. WITH SO MANY NEWCOMERS TO THE SQUADRON, ESPECIALLY AMONG OFFICERS, WE SHOULD FIND SOME HELPFUL TALENT.

13. OUR OFFICERS PERFORMED FOUR PATROLS OF FRONT LINES SOUTH OF BOLOGNA IN SPITE OF THE 6/10 TO 9/10 STRATUS FROM 1000 TO 5000 AND A HAZE THAT RESTRICTED VISIBILITY TO SIX MILES.

AT 2045 HOURS HALF A MILE OFF SHORE FROM MARINA DI MASSA, LT. J.W. JONES AND LT. HEDDLESTON SAW WHAT APPEARED TO BE HEAVY CALIBER ARTILLERY STRADDLE AND HIT AN UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT THAT APPEARED TO EXPLODE AND WAS LEFT BURNING.

NEAR BOLOGNA FOO FIRE WAS OBSERVED BY LT. SCHAEFFER AND LT. AYRES, LT. PRICE AND F/O WILKINSON. LT. RAUSCH AND F/O LINDLOF OBSERVED HEAVY ARTILLERY IN THE MOUNTAINS SOUTH OF BOLOGNA.

AT MIDNIGHT REMAINING FLIGHTS WERE CANCELLED BECAUSE THE WEATHER HAD CLOSED IN COMPLETELY.

IN DIRECT CONTRAST WITH THE CLOUDY NIGHTS WE'VE HAD A RUN OF VERY FINE WEATHER THROUGH THE DAYLIGHT HOURS, AND IT'S GIVING US ALL A TOUCH OF SPRING FEVER.

WE ENJOYED AN EXCELLENT MEAL OF FRIED CHICKEN TODAY AND A FIRST RATE FILM AT OUR MOVIE.

14. LAST NIGHT'S FIVE FLIGHT SCHEDULE WAS SPICED WITH TWO INTRUDER MISSIONS, AND LT. GORDON AND F/O GIGERICH EARNED AN AIR MEDAL. AFTER JERRY MADE THE MISTAKE OF ANTAGONIZING THEM WITH HEAVY FLAK ON THEIR WAY TO COVER THE GHEDI AREA, THEY WENT RIGHT DOWN ON THE DECK WITH GUNS BLAZING. AT 2000 HOURS THEY DESTROYED TWO MOTOR TRANSPORTS AND STARTED TWO LARGE FUEL FIRES NEAR GAMBARA. A FEW



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(INCLUDING RESULTS AND REMARKS)

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(Revised)DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT  
0800 hrs. 17 Feb. 1945 to 0800 hrs. 18 Feb. 1945

- Group                      Sq. 416 N.F. Sc. Date 17 Feb. 1945 Mission No. 560
1. No. Off 1 <sup>YYY</sup> Time Up 17:55 Time Down 19:15 Total Hours 1:20  
(No., Type, Model) (By Type A/C)
2. Type Mission Intruder Central Po Valley 3. Weather Heavy haze at 4000 ft. up to 7000
4. a. A/C Not Crossing E/L: No. & Type Reason b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission No. & Type Reason
5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point N11 b. Time over Objective c. No. A/C Attacking d. Alt. of Release
6. a. Escorted by Central Po Valley b. Escorting 1  
c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs                      Duty of A/C Not carrying Bombs
7. Type Explosive Fusing N. T. Number Carried N11 No. Expended at Each Objective (1) (2) (3) (4) Lost on MIA & Dest. A/C No. Rd't to Base
- Explosive Jettisoned Number N11 Reason Location
8. Ammo. Cal. or MM N11 Carried Expended
9. Type 20 MM Flak Accuracy                      Intensity 700 Location (Grid coordinate) N11
10. No. & Type E/A Encountered Location N11 Aggressiveness
11. a. Own Aircraft Losses N11 b. Cause c. Crew Casualties
- d. A/C Rd't From MIA                      MIA on Miss. No.                      e. MIA Pilots Rd't                      MIA on Miss. No.
12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) N11 E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) E/A Damaged (No. & Type)
13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results): N11

1. West of Massa at 5-6000 ft., saw going West what appeared to be a red ball of fire traveling curving course. First it climbed then dove out of sight in the valley South of Massa. Did not emit spurts of flame, did not appear to be Jet A/C. No traffic observed in La Spezia - Parma Area.

/s/ C. S. Miller



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0000 hrs 16 Feb/45-0000 hrs 17 Feb/45

**DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT** Lt. Kearns  
Lt. Herron

Group 1700sq Sq. 416th Fl. Str. B. Date 17 Feb/45 Mission No. 557  
16 Feb/45  
 1. No. Off. 1700sq Time Up 2250 Time Down 0130 Total Hours 2 hrs 40 min  
 (No., Type Model) (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission OGI Patrol 3. Weather Strato-Cumulus clouds 2500'-4500'  
Vis. 2 miles, haze.

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission  
 No. & Type Reason No. & Type Reason

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: b. Time over Objective c. No. A/C Attacking d. Alt. of Release

6. a. Escorted by b. Escorting  
 c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs

7. Type Explosive Fusing N. T. Number Carried No Expended at Each Objective Lost on MIA No Rtd & Dest. A/C to Base  
 (1) (2) (3) (4)

Explosive Jettisoned Number Reason Location

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM Carried Expended

9. Type Flak Accuracy Intensity Location (grid coordinate)

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered Location Aggressiveness

11. a. Own Aircraft Losses b. Cause c. Crew Casualties

d. A/C Rtd From MIA MIA on Miss. No. e. MIA - Pilots Rtd MIA on Miss. No.  
 SW, LW or Unwounded

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) E/A Damaged (No. & Type)

13. Narrative: Formation, Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results:  
OGI Patrol along coast. Pilot saw flames and went to investigate. Flames were being  
dropped by what looked like a jet-propelled aircraft. Both planes by visual contact  
estimated to be somewhere under 10 miles. Chase lasted 6 minutes and Pilot believed  
he closed into somewhere around 1 mile before landing. Aircraft disappeared in a haze  
in the overcast. Pilot indicated 300 MPH air speed. OGI reported they closed him at  
450 MPH ground speed. No radar contact whatsoever, airborne or otherwise. Observed  
about 40 white flames dropped by jet-propelled aircraft between bombing and landing at  
altitude of 11,000'.

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 Signature  
MILLER, Capt., 1st Lt.  
 1st Lt.







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0800 hrs. 21 Feb./45 to 0800 hrs. 22 Feb./45  
**DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT**

Group..... Sq. 416th St. Fgtr. Sq. Date 22 Feb/45 Mission No. 576

1. No. Off. 1 B-24 Time Up 2230 Time Down 0105 Total Hours 2435  
(No., Type Model) (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission G.C.I. Patrol La Spezia and Sweep 3. Weather Scattered High Clouds. Overcast  
in Central Po Valley. North of Valley. Clear over Sea

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission N  
No. & Type Reason No. & Type Reason

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate b. Time over c. No. A/C d. Alt. of  
& Aiming Point: Objective Attacking Release  
Central Po Valley 2300 to 0035 1

6. a. Escorted by b. Escorting  
c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs

7. Type Explosive Fusing N. T. Number Carried No. Expended at Each Objective Lost on MIA No Rtd  
(1) (2) (3) (4) & Dest. A/C to Base

Explosive Jettisoned Number Reason Location

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM Carried Expended  
20 mm 720 M1

9. Type Flak Accuracy Intensity Location (grid coordinate)

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered Location Aggressiveness

11. a. Own Aircraft Losses b. Cause c. Crew Casualties

d. A/C Rtd From MIA MIA on Miss. No. e. MIA - Pilots Rtd MIA on Miss. No.  
SW, LW or Unwounded

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) E/A Damaged (No. & Type)

13. Narrative: Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results:  
1- G.C.I. Patrol La Spezia area and Intruder Sweep in Central Po Valley.  
2- 3 lights above water-orange red-20 miles East of Leghona burned about a minute. Did  
not appear to be flares.

*C. Smith*  
Signature



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Group 1. Osquito Sq. 446th W. Str. Bn. Date 17 Feb/45 Mission No. 539

1. No. Off. 1725 Time Up 2115 Time Down 2115 Total Hours 3 hrs 20 mins  
(No. Type Model) (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Artillery

3. Weather 7/2 2000' to 10000'. Visibility  
6 after at 12000'.

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:  
No. & Type                      Reason                     

b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission  
No. & Type                      Reason                     

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point:                     

b. Time over Objective                     

c. No. A/C Attacking                     

d. Alt. of Release                     

6. a. Escorted by                     

b. Escorting                     

c. No A/C Carrying Bombs                      Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs                     

7. Type Explosive                      Fusing N. T.                      Number Carried                     

No Expended at Each Objective  
(1) (2) (3) (4)

Lost on MIA No R'd & Dest. A/C to Base                     

Explosive Jettisoned                      Number                      Reason                      Location                     

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM 20 mm Carried 720 Expended                     

9. Type Flak                      Accuracy                      Intensity                      Location (grid coordinate)                     

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered                      Location                      Aggressiveness                     

11. a. Own Aircraft Losses                      b. Cause                      c. Crew Casualties                     

d. A/C R'd From MIA                      MIA on Miss. No.                      e. MIA - Pilots R'd                      MIA on Miss. No.                     

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type)                      E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type)                      E/A Damaged (No. & Type)                     

13. Narrative: Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results:  
G I Patrol of front lines. Vectored on one target which turned friendly. Observed  
2 flares 30 miles Northwest of Florence.

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(Revised)**CONFIDENTIAL**0800 hrs. 17 Feb 1945 - 0800 hrs. 18 Feb. 1945  
**DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT**Group Sq. 416th N.F. Sq Date 17-18 Feb. 45 Mission No. 5621. No. Off 1 Mosq. Nr Time Up 20:10 Time Down 23:10 Total Hours 3:00  
(No., Type, ~~Model~~) (By Type A/C)2. Type Mission GQI Patrol of Leghorn Area 3. Weather Ground haze up to 1000' OAVU  
patrolled La Spezia Area4. a. A/C Not Crossing E/L: b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission  
No. & Type Reason No. & Type Reason

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate &amp; Aiming Point b. Time over Objective c. No. A/C Attacking d. Alt. of Release

Leghorn - La Spezia Area6. a. Escorted by b. Escorting  
c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs. Duty of A/C Not carrying Bombs7. Type Explosive Fusing N. T. Number Carried No. Expended at Each Objective Lost on MIA No. Rd'd  
(1) (2) (3) (4) & Dest. A/C to Base

Explosive Jettisoned Number Reason Location

8. Ammo. Cal. or MM Carried Expended

20 MM

9. Type Flak Accuracy Intensity Location (Grid coordinate)

10. No. &amp; Type E/A Encountered Location Aggressiveness

11. a. Own Aircraft Losses b. Cause c. Crew Casualties

d. A/C Rd't From MIA MIA on Miss. No. e. MIA Pilots Rd't MIA on Miss. No.

SW, LW or Unwounded

12. E/A Destroyed (No. &amp; Type) E/A Prob Dest (No. &amp; Type) E/A Damaged (No. &amp; Type)

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

(1) At 20:45 saw a blinking light in distance, apparently moving for about 45 seconds near La Spezia, 20 miles away and too far for accurate observation.

(2) At 21:30 saw reddish white light going off and on in spurts about 6 or 8 miles away, near La Spezia at 10,000 ft. going NE. Chased it at 280MPH for 1 1/2 minutes. It took erratic course and faded out.

(3) At 21:40 saw same type of light 10 miles South of La Spezia and it went North and turned East of La Spezia at 9000'. Faded near La Spezia. Pilot came within 5 miles of La Spezia, suspected Ack Ack trap.

(4) At 21:55, 10 miles South of La Spezia chased another and it went across La Spezia and pilot followed. Faded 10 or 15 miles North of La Spezia. Our aircraft at 300 MPH couldn't catch it. No ack ack at La Spezia.

(5) At 22:50, 5 miles South of Pisa, saw same light from distance of 10 miles. Chased it for 2 or 2 1/2 minutes. It took north course, disappeared over mt. This light 10,000'. Light described as glow that alternates between weak and bright. No contacts on AI. Apparently no jamming.

/s/ C. S. Miller,  
/t/ C. S. MILLER,  
Capt., AC, Adjutant.**CONFIDENTIAL**



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0800 hrs, 20 Feb. 1945 to 0800 hrs, 21 Feb. 1945

# DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 416th Mi. Fgr. Sq. Date 21 Feb/45 Mission No. 570

1 Mosq Mk XXX 2310

1. No. Off. 2310 Time Up 0145 Time Down 0135 Total Hours 0135  
(No., Type Model) (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Intruder Parma-Cremona-Piacenza Area. 3. Weather Haze moving down from North.

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type Reason b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission No. & Type Reason

M1

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: Parma-Cremona-Piacenza Area b. Time over Objective 0135 c. No. A/C Attacking 1 d. Alt. of Release 6000

6. a. Escorted by M1 b. Escorting M1 c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs M1 d. Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs M1

7. Type Explosive Fusing N. T. Number Carried No Expended at Each Objective (1) (2) (3) (4) Lost on MIA No Rtd & Dest. A/C to Base

M1

Explosive Jettisoned Number Reason Location

M1

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM Carried Expended  
20 MM 720 160

9. Type Flak Accuracy Intensity Location (grid coordinate)

M1

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered Location Aggressiveness

M1

11. a. Own Aircraft Losses b. Cause c. Crew Casualties

M1

d. A/C Rtd From MIA MIA on Miss. No. e. MIA-Pilots Rtd MIA on Miss. No. SW, LW or Unwounded

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12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) E/A Damaged (No. & Type)

M1

13. Narrative: Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results:

1- Intruder Parma-Cremona-Piacenza Area.

2- At 0045 hrs. observed two large red balls of fire, altitude about 4,000 or 5,000 ft. Hovered in air about 10 minutes above Piacenza.

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08:00 hours 22 Feb. '45 - 08:00 hours 23 Feb. '45

**DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT**

Group ----- Sq 416 Night Fighter Sq. Date 22 Feb. '45 Mission No. 578

1. No. Off 1 Req. 1 XX Time Up 18:25 Time Down 21:20 Total Hours 2:55  
(No., Type Model) (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission CGI Patrol - PO - Villa Franc A/D 3. Weather CAV

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission  
No. & Type Reason No. & Type Reason

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point:

Nil

b. Time over Objective

c. No. A/C Attacking

d. Alt. of Release

PO to Villa Francia A/D

2:55

6. a. Escorted by ..... b. Escorting .....  
c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs ..... Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs .....

7. Type Explosive Fusing N. I. Number Carried No Expended at Each Objective Lost on MIA No Rtd & Dest. A/C to Base  
(1) (2) (3) (4)

Explosive Jettisoned

Number

Nil

Reason

Location

Nil

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM Carried Expended

20MM

720

Nil

9. Type Flak Accuracy Intensity Location (grid coordinate)

Nil

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered Location Aggressiveness

Nil

11. a. Own Aircraft Losses b. Cause c. Crew Casualties

Nil

d. A/C Rtd From MIA ..... MIA on Miss. No. .... e. MIA - Pilots Rtd ..... MIA on Miss. No. ....  
SW, LW or Unwounded .....

Nil

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) E/A Damaged (No. & Type)

Nil

13. Narrative: Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results:

At 20:30, altitude 1500' - South of Villafranca, Thatcher warned of bogey in area of Villafranca. Multiple plots on AI (Plots seemed frayed & not clear cut. Suspected window.) Focused on plot, disappeared, new plot took place, then this disappeared. No further contacts or chases.  
At 20:30 about 40 orange flares over Villafranca.

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10:00 hr 22 Feb. 1945 - 08:00 hr. 23 Feb. 1945

**CONFIDENTIAL****DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT**Group ----- Sq. 415 Night Fighter Sq. Date 22 Feb. 1945 Mission No. 5801. No. Off. Obs. 1 Time Up 22:00 Time Down 24:00 Total Hours 2:00  
(No., Type Model) (By Type A/C)2. Type Mission CGI Patrol - E. of Parma to Genoa 3. Weather heavy aze below 6000' ✓4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines; b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission  
No. & Type Reason No. & Type ReasonNil5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: E. of Parma to Genoa Area b. Time over Objective 2:00 c. No. A/C Attacking 1 d. Alt. of Release 6000'6. a. Escorted by ----- b. Escorting -----  
c. No A/C Carrying Bombs ----- Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs -----7. Type Explosive Fusing Number Nil No Expended at Each Objective Lost on MIA No Rtd  
N. T. Carried (1) (2) (3) (4) & Dest. A/C to BaseNil

Explosive Jettisoned Number Reason Location

Nil8. Ammo., Cal., or MM Carried Expended  
20mm 720 Nil

9. Type Flak Accuracy Intensity Location (grid coordinate)

Nil

10. No. &amp; Type E/A Encountered Location Aggressiveness

Nil

11. a. Own Aircraft Losses b. Cause c. Crew Casualties

Nild. A/C Rtd From MIA MIA on Miss. No. e. MIA - Pilots Rtd MIA on Miss. No.  
SW, LW or UnwoundedNil

12. E/A Destroyed (No. &amp; Type) E/A Prob Dest (No. &amp; Type) E/A Damaged (No. &amp; Type)

Nil

13. Narrative: Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results:

Rotating white beacon at Parma, 10 or 12 miles East of Parma at 4000', strong white light which lasted about 4 minutes. It seemed to be stationary. No traffic observed.**CONFIDENTIAL**Comiller  
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Sheet No. 12 War Diary, 414TH NIGHT FIGHTER Sqn. PONTEDERA AIRFIELD;  
ITALY, APO #650  
(Station)

Month of MARCH 1945, 1944. Prepared by CAPT. HAROLD C. DAWSON  
( EXECUTIVE OFFICER )

DAY

EVENING

NOTHING MORE EXCITING THAN FOO FIRE WAS REPORTED BY OTHER CREWS WHO PATROLLED THE FLORENCE - BOLOGNA- FRONT LINE AREAS: LT. EVANS AND F/O CAMPION, LT. BAKER AND LT. BROWN, LT. WEAVER AND F/O KALAN.

PFC BOEHM WAS AXED TO PRIVATE TODAY. TWO ACCOUNTS ON SPEEDING. IN ADDITION HE IS DUE A SUMMARY COURT FOR IMPERSONATING AN OFFICER WHILE IN ROME. THE KID JUST CAN'T SEEM TO KEEP OUT OF TROUBLE; AND HE ONLY JUST MADE PFC THE FIRST OF THE MONTH AFTER BEING GOOD FOR SIX MONTHS.

22. AT VERY BEST OUR BOYS HAD A WEARISOME TIME PATROLLING LEGHORN - PISA - FLORENCE LAST NIGHT: SCATTERED SUFRACE AND STRATO-CUMULUS CLOUDS COVERED 6-7/10 OF THE SKY BETWEEN 2000 FT. AND 3500 FT. VISIBILITY WAS LIMITED TO FIVE MILES. CREWS WERE LT. PRICE AND F/O WILKINSON, LT. SCHAEFFER AND LT. AYRES, LT. CHEELY AND LT. MC GIRR, LT. RAUSCH AND F/O LINDLOF.

SWEAT'S OFF! THE UNIT CITATION CAME THROUGH! IT WAS FOR THAT DEAL IN BORGIO IN JANUARY OF '44. AS FAR AS WE KNOW, WE'RE THE FIRST IN THE EA-ME THEATER TO GET THIS HONOR AMONG THE NIGHT FIGHTERS. SGT. TOMPKINS IMMEDIATELY V-MAILED MAJOR HAMILTON THAT THEIR BABY HAD ARRIVED. NOW THERE'S STILL A SLIGHT SWEAT ON WHETHER THE WAR DEPARTMENT WILL PUBLISH IT IN GENERAL ORDERS, BUT T.A.C. SAYS IT'S A FOREGONE CONCLUSION.

23. LT. GRAVEL AND F/O MOORE INTRUDED THE BERGAMO AND GHEDI AREAS AND GLEANED ANOTHER HINT ABOUT THE ORIGIN AND NATURE OF FOO FIRE. AT 2015 HOURS, 1500 FT. OVER CASIMORO, THEY BOTH OBSERVED TWO SPURTS OF GUN FIRE ON THE GROUND AND IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER TWO BALLS OF FOO FIRE APPEARED ABOUT 600 YARDS DEAD AHEAD OF THEIR SHIP. FORTY-FIVE MINUTES LATER THE EXPERIENCE WAS REPEATED AT ANOTHER POINT EXCEPTING THAT INSTEAD OF BURNING OUT AFTER THREE OR FOUR MINUTES, ONE OF THE BALLS BURST LIKE A PROJECTILE WHILE THE OTHER CONTINUED TO GLOW. THIS CREW ALSO DREW HEAVY AND LIGHT INACCURATE SCANT FLAK AT TWO POINTS.

SEVEN PATROLS BROUGHT THE NIGHT'S TOTAL FLYING TIME TO THE IMPRESSIVE SUM OF 23:35 HOURS. LT. RAUSCH AND F/O LINDLOF, LT. RUMERY AND F/O NORTHCUTT BOTH REPORTED R/T JAMMING WHILE WORKING WITH WHITE SECTOR AT 1900 HOURS. FIELD ARTILLERY AND FOO FIRE WERE REPORTED BY OTHER CREWS: LT. WEAVER AND F/O KALAN, LT. CHEELY AND LT. MC GIRR, LT. PRICE AND F/O WILKINSON, LT. JONES AND LT. HEDDLESTON, LT. SCHAEFFER AND LT. AYRES.

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DUTY (INCLUDING RESULTS AND REMARKS)	SINGLE-ENGINE AIRCRAFT						MULTI-ENGINE AIRCRAFT						PASSENGERS (11)	
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